

Remarks

Claim 56 has been cancelled, claim 52 has been amended and new claim 57 has been added leaving claims 52-55 and 57 pending in the application.

The rejection of claim 56 has been rendered moot as it has been cancelled.

Previously pending claims 52-56 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claim 52 has been amended to recite "the susceptor being defined to comprise a plurality of annular regions extending radially inwardly of one another" and that "the rotating radiation conduits extending from each of the annular regions."

The Examiner is respectfully referred to MPEP §2142, which recites, in part: To establish a prima facie case of obviousness . . . the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations.

The cited references either alone or in combination do not teach "the susceptor being defined to comprise a plurality of annular regions extending radially inwardly of one another" and that "the rotating radiation conduits extending from each of the annular regions", and for at least this reason amended claim 52 is allowable.

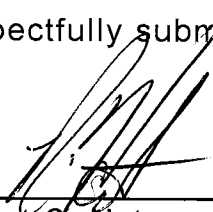
Claims 53-55 and 57 depend from claim 52 and are allowable for at least the reasons given above as well as their own patentable features.

Claims 52-55 and 57 are believed to be in condition for allowance,
Applicant requests allowance of such claims in the Examiner's next action.

Respectfully submitted,

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